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FROM A SCIENTIFIC STAND-POINT.

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The suggestion in regard to regulating the vigilance of the police with meteorological instruments may be of importance in those localities where cold winters and rainy summers prevail, but little importance can be attached to it in a climate like that of Fresno, where there is but little cold in winter and no rain in summer. Indeed, if the effect of the weather upon crime is of sufficient importance to serve as a guide for police authorities, the conditions prevailing there are ideal, both as regards the weather and the police.

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NYE AND HIS WORK.

Edgar Wilson ("Bill") Nye, who had made the world laugh and given some hours of cheer to a host of men and women, has moved on to the hidden country where it may be presumed that the sense of humor still will find its uses. (For, by the way, it would be hard to imagine a more dreary heaven than one which never echoes to the cheery sounds of merriment.) Concerning the dead humorist the San Francisco Call says:

"He must have had rare gifts to remain interesting to the last. He was not so popular of late years as formerly, but was still because his humor was being exceeded than that the narrowness of his field made his work too familiar."

He would be cold-hearted indeed who should write anything except in kindness of so cheery and genial a soul as that of "Bill" Nye while he was on his earthly journey. He wrote with malice toward none, and he added something to the sum total of human happiness. Let this be granted, while we realize that higher praise is rarely given. But no injustice will be done to his memory by stating that in recent years "his store [of quaint and curious humor] was becoming exhausted." If anybody doubts the truth of this assertion, he has but to compare the work of Nye's earlier years with that of his later years and he will doubt no longer. Thus was when nobody with even the dimmest perception of humor could read a half dozen sentences of his writing without laughing. Before his death the time had come when one might read a "column" from his pencil and scarcely the ghost of a smile would drive away a wrinkle of care. The grotesque and startling humor of earlier years was gone. The fact was so apparent that it seemed impossible that one who watched his work from the beginning could doubt it. But if anybody does doubt, he must know that Mr. Nye's verdict in the matter stands against his own. Speaking of the time when the humorist was in San Francisco, the Call—which, by the way, thus arrays its editor and reporter as stinkers they will stand by the Fresno REPUBLICAN and penit no foolishness.

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WHERE PROTECTION BEGINS.

From Saturday's Daily.

The esteemed free trade contemporary made a few remarks the other day in regard to the tariff on raisins which may properly be given a little consideration.

As is the *Liberator* and its proprietors had more to do in securing the tariff on raisins than any other influence that was exerted, we will willingly answer the question propounded by our morning contemporary as to who pays the tariff and to what extent, if the editor of that paper will be kind enough to inform us of the exact amount of benefits the 1 1/2 cents per pound brings to the home producer over and above what he would receive if there were no tariff. Because the foreign producer is not compelled to pay that tax to introduce his raisins into this country cuts no figure whatever.

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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Cuban Question Discussed in the Senate.

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Debate Continued on the Proposition to Investigate Recent Bond Issues.

WASHINGTON, February 24.—The public interest in the Cuban question was shown today by the crowds which came to the senate galleries in anticipation of a continuance of the Cuban dispute. The diplomatic gallery showed the largest representation since the session opened, the ministers of Brazil, Hawaii, Chile and several other countries being present.

Mr. Morgan of Alabama occupied almost the entire day in a narrative and historical speech. Mr. Morgan spoke three hours, and had not concluded when the senate adjourned.

The Hill pensioning the widow of the late Secretary Graham \$100 monthly was passed.

The resolution of Mr. Lodge requesting the finance committee to inquire into the circumstances of bond issues during 1894-95 was taken up.

Peifer offered an amendment broadening the resolution, and directing that the investigation be made by a special committee of five senators. The motion was defeated—yeas 16, nays 34.

Mr. Hill said he voted against tabling the motion, as he thought it undesirable to discuss it.

It was desirable to look into the motives inspiring these various resolutions. Requests for information were another and more serious question. An investigation carried to the public an implication of irregularity. Before such an investigation was inaugurated there should be something definite and tangible.

"It is not because this is a Democratic secretary of the treasury that I oppose this investigation," said Mr. Hill with a smile. "I would oppose it if my worst political enemy occupied the chair of this secretary of the treasury."

He opposed it, he said, because this investigation was based on idle rumor and sensational newspaper gossip. It voxel the "wall and complaints of disappoinding bond bidders."

"If this investigation is begun there will be no motions of stopping an investigation of every trivial nature. There is nothing in the bill which would not be required for investigation," said Mr. Hill. "It should be a formal resolution, stating just what is charged, in order that the results might be compared with the expectation. As the resolution stood now it was a 'stab in the dark,' it was an attempt to insinuate what the author (Mr. Peifer) of the resolution was afraid to state boldly."

Mr. Hill referred to a recent speech by Mr. Allen, Populist of Nebraska, in which the latter spoke of himself as a former.

"Yes, a farmer and a Democrat," interjected Mr. Allen shortly.

"The senator is no better farmer than he is a Democrat," responded Hill, "then I pity the crops raised in Nebraska."

At this point 2 o'clock intervened, setting aside the bond resolutions and bringing up the Cuban question which was the regular order.

Morgan resumed his speech in favor of the resolution to recognize the Cuban belligerency.

The senator reviewed the policy of the United States regarding Cuba since the time of President Adams. The latter proposed that within fifty years Cuba would be a state of the United States and thereafter Webster, Clay, Jefferson and other statesmen urged the acquisition of Cuba by the United States.

Morgan said the atrocities of the Spanish in controlling the Cubans were almost without parallel in history. In the last war not only had 13,000 Cubans been killed in all the battles, but 100,000 had been put to death. It was a most shocking state of affairs. The senator said he had passed in wonderment to think that the United States had stood silently by at this awful slaughter of 44,000 prisoners instead of moving sword in hand and driving the Spaniards from the island.

Frye, Republican of Maine, asked if this wonderful, shocking statement was historical.

Morgan replied that it was history, deliberately written by a Spanish author appearing in the American newspaper under the title of "Cuba." The present war, said Morgan, was but a renewal of the former. General Gomez had referred to his command and Cienfuegos, the insurgent President, returned to his task. The United States could go no further in his forbearance without a stain upon its honor. The great body of native Cubans are in favor of the insurrection, although the bloody code of Weyler holds them in subjection. Spain has sent to the conflict up to this time eleven war vessels, 110,000 men and 80,000 volunteers for war duty. And yet this vast force cannot beat General Gomez, who, this morning, and evening, is at Havana. After reading from the reports from United States consuls, Morgan said no one could doubt without impeaching our own consul that the mass of Cubans were in sympathy with Gomez and Maceo and that in the end the Cubans were certain to achieve their liberty.

The senator read a letter from Cuba, written, he said, by a thoroughly reliable authority.

It described the gradual process of the Cuban, and graphically explained the campaign methods of Gomez. The latter was placed by this authority at 17,000. The writer spoke of the lack of intelligent information by the Spanish officials at Havana, the Captain General knowing as little of existing conditions as the President of the United States.

Morgan said the bloody code of General Weyler was without a parallel in modern warfare. It was against women and children. If this inhuman code was directed against the American citizens, then Spain should understand her such a redress as would make the Cuban uprising a mere trifling in comparison. We had the right to insist that the rules of civilized warfare be observed.

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A LESSON OF EXPERIENCE.

The Board of Trustees of this city should learn a lesson from their experience with Silver Contractor Goodfellow. It is true that they succeeded in protecting the interests of the city government in their dealing with that strutting adventurer and dirty scoundrel, but for the future they should see to it that they also protect the interests of citizens of the town who perform labor for these contractors of municipal work.

The time check system of paying labor is a growing evil in this state, and it should not be permitted upon public work. Let the authorities hereafter require from contractors that they shall pay their laborers cash at reasonable periods, and they will thus protect honest citizens from losses they can ill afford to meet and themselves from much unnecessary trouble and annoyance. A contractor who has not sufficient credit to pay for work as it is performed is not entitled to be made a party to a contract requiring responsibility, and a rule compelling the payment of labor to be made in a legitimate and business-like way will work hardship to no one who is entitled to consideration.

It would be fair for the community if all such irresponsibles as Goodfellow were barred from participation in public contracts, even if they occasionally do work at a lower price than honest men can afford to do. That vulgar public might not look too rudely on the eminent murderer, Miss Flagler was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and go to jail for three hours. The fine was a tribute to General Flagler's daughter, and the three hours in jail was a side-splitting burlesque of justice.

To add to the appreciation of the farcical character of this proceeding, let us make a few everyday comparisons. In the Fresno jail at the present time a man is serving a 6-months term in jail for stealing a dozen chickens, more or less, from a henroost. In our opinion his sentence was not excessive—but Miss Flagler served a 3-hours term in jail for murdering a boy. In San Francisco, not long ago, a man stole four loaves of bread from a bakery, and was given thirty days in jail—Miss Flagler shot a boy and killed him—she could have been given a 6-months term in jail for the same offense.

Let it be hoped that one lesson of this kind will be enough for Fresno.

A CHEERFUL CORRECTION.

John H. Wiss will wonder how John P. Irish managed to become collector of the city of San Francisco should he read the Republicans of this morning. There is considerable difference between a collector who commands an enormous sum and a survivor who had to make a living for the privilege of squatting his single deputy.—*Fresno Reporter*.

Thanks, neighbor, availed. The Republican really had no intention to promote Colonel Irish to the place occupied by Collector Wise, without the consent of the President, although we think Grover owed the best place at his disposal to the Custer, who has defended every bad break made by the administration with a vigor worthy of a better cause.

The REPUBLICAN is always pleased to be corrected when in error, and having made its grateful acknowledgment it would now express the opinion that when William D. English reads yesterday's *Reporter* he will wonder how Colonel Irish managed to become a surveyor of customs. There is a good deal of difference between a surveyor who has political patronage to dispense and a naval officer of customs who has to scrap with the political bosses for the privilege of appointing his single deputy.

In order to make the matter perfectly clear to those who have not hitherto visited their attention upon Colonel Irish in his relations to the federal government, we will state that he is not a collector of customs nor a surveyor of customs, but a naval officer of customs. In addition to the weighty responsibility of a salary for filling this position, the Colonel has also taken the contract to remove Governor Budd's hyperion scalp lock and wear it on his belt as a warning to reformers who remove great men from office in order to reward political friends.

Colonel Irish is very much in evidence just now.

The Stockton Mail gives scant courtesy to Colonel Irish in replying to his onslaught upon Governor Budd. It says:

"Colonel!" John P. Irish is rubbing the seat of his trousers and making faces at Governor Budd. He is highly displeased because he was bounced from the directorate of the Home for the Adult Blind. The Colonel had come to the conclusion that he was the only man in the state who could manage the blind and the deaf in "terrible style." That the Governor does not agree with him. The removal of Irish will be commanded by all but the Colonel himself.

He was an element of discord in the electorate, and the institution will get along better without him.

Undoubtedly that Colonel is feeling some in the place where the gubernatorial boot came in contact with his person, but he cannot be denied that he is doing something more unpleasant than to make faces at the chief executive. A matter of fact he makes some very serious charges in a way that would lead to trouble if the Governor were inclined to resent them according to methods that were at one time quite popular in this part of the world.

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IRISH VS. BUDD.

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RANDOM REMARKS.

Somebody ought to tell John P. Irish that if he is not careful he will say something unkind about Governor Budd. He should be more cautious.

While engaged in ironing a Stockton woman recently dropped dead. The members of the ironing sex ought to cut this item out and paste it where their husbands can see it frequently.

Of course Senator Peffer raises a holler in Washington every time he raises his feet.—*Washington Daily News*.

He really needs something to blow through his whiskers, you know, dear boy.

"Has Jamie the rascals, Mrs. McCarthy?"

"Shure he has not, Mrs. Maginnis."

"Will you mind this, the hump on the jaw. What is the maulin' at it?"

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CARUTHERS LETTER.

They Celebrate His Forty-Fourth Birthday.

FINE DINNER AND DECORATIONS

Toasts and Responses—An Original Poem Written by N. L. F. Bachman.

From Thursday's Daily.

General and Mrs. W. M. Muller entertained a number of guests last evening at their residence at the corner of K and Tuolumne streets, the occasion being the General's 44th birthday. Mrs. Muller, assisted by Mrs. Newhouse and Mrs. Woodworth, arranged the affair as a surprise, and invited a few special friends, who highly appreciated the privilege of sharing their hospitality on an occasion so pleasant.

The house was tastefully decorated, and the dining room and table were most exquisite. The room was bathed in soft red light, the prevailing color of the decorations being rich cardinal red. Satin ribbon was draped gracefully from the gas jet to each of the four corners of the table; and the lamps and candleabra were shaded in the same rich soft color. Red carnations in profusion were on every hand; while hundreds of yards of silk, draped and festooned, added beauty by its contrast of colors and decorations to the numerous table linens.

No suggestion could be made that would have improved the appearance of the table, and the quality and arrangement of the dinner up to it. Everything was perfect.

The guests who sat down with General Muller were Colonel T. J. Hay, Major Colin Chisholm, Captain G. A. Miller, Captain N. C. Austin, Judge M. K. Harris, Judge H. Z. Anstrum, Dr. A. J. Pedlar, John Reichmann, Fulton G. Berry, W. W. Phillips, A. Newhouse and Herman Egerer.

Lovely congratulations were received from several invited friends who were unable to be present.

At each guest's plate was a souvenir card with his name and with a witty verse of original poetry with a personal point.

Colonel T. J. Hay acted as toast master, and most happy and appropriate responses were made by Judge Harris and W. W. Phillips, while General Muller's health was drunk in bumper. The dinner of ten courses occupied nearly two hours.

After dinner, a verse on the young man who had been raised and enjoyed, Colonel Hay recited, poem written for the occasion by N. L. F. Bachman, who found it impossible to be present, but who by his poetic humor contributed largely to the pleasure and entertainment of those so fortunate as to be present. The poem follows:

"Four and forty years today,
Since in the land of Dungen.
The subject of this strain lay
In prison, when he was born.
His lungs, when duly tested,
Found him to be a scoundrel,
Then deemed him double breasted.
They deemed him double breasted.

"The said that little German said
My signature was noted
Until his advent—will that be—
Then—well—they can't be quoted.

"The said that he was a scoundrel,
Wore garters can't be stated,
His family couldn't break the "car,"
And so they emigrated.

"And when they sought to win the breeze,
This young man's eyes up to the sea;
And drove old Neptune frantic,
So when they came back to him,
The said that he was a scoundrel,
And somewhat merrily the same.

"Twas Matthew 'double-breast' (W) Muller.

"Twas your birthday we celebrate. May each return bring
An increase of joys. May the sorrows take wing;
May your cup of contentment grow fuller and fuller,
Till it spills o'er the sides with "Good luck to
Muller" General, of course—not that he's
a scoundrel, even though he's a scoundrel,
But no girl—nay, might have been—but was a
scoundrel, and no girl would make such a bad
"break."

"Let it be assumed that the plaintiff
represented a deputyship; it does not necessarily follow that said deputyship was the consideration for the money advanced.

Let it be assumed that Judge Chrichton was really believed that he was a scoundrel, and that plaintiff would have no trouble in getting his money back?

Why did plaintiff defer a promissory note to the defendant, and then sue for it?

A court of law is serious,—or, while we may laugh, the same rule pertains to the rest of the world.

Besides he recalls 'tis those three days in July—

When the sun was hot and the plow was so dry;

That moor o'er parched herbage in Tchubach.

When the sun beat out one little in camp—
But one brother—A. Jay Putter—no goods
there were "harmy";—

When the old bull got hurt, they sprang
the relief.

With a hearty dash on a can of corn.

That a wretched opinion began to prevail,
That with me, you may still get a deal in a
fight, when you're tough and the heroes who'd.

At least, the heroes who fought and the heroes who'd.

On similar occasions, sentimentally said:

"A soldier bravest death,
For a fatal wrench;
When in the battle's roar—
Who in death is a fatal—
And marches his approach for beer!"

Ah! that's that! It was a mistake
But just such a humanity seems destined to

It's rather though, the thought, that we had in command.

One who's won up conditions and with rare

Skills planned.

That Putter should have carried the Law have respect.

Not very much Ma's mission,—let to calm and protect.

At that time his shrewd efforts to soothe and protect

Provoked just such cussions and answers as these:

"Where are you going, Muller?"

"Going with that traitor who has you with him;
We've been told to bear the way."

For a moment he was silent—
Just as present I'm going in going through!"

"But you'll get yourself in trouble!"

"Came a whisper from the south,

"Your action of today you'll surely rue!"

"But I know just where I'm at—
And consequently I am going through!"

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"But I know just where I'm at—
And consequently I am going through!"

And consequently they're engaged in going through!"

White republicans are noted for being ingrate;

While those who deserve most get the least
from the state;

Now that the old adage is cast to the earth,

And the palm is awarded on the basis of

On occasions like this when we most to ex-

pend.

Warm relations to some valiant friend;

When love ties with us as which shall be

host;

It is always in order to bring on the toast;

The De Monte Company continue to draw good houses. It seems that their

specialties are never-ending, for al-

though now in their third week they

close their program each night, while

the awarding night of the raisins of the

state is practicable, we address this

letter to you and ask your hearty co-

operation in organizing and maintaining

an association for the combined han-

dling of our various packs. We would

and you all work together we will be

disappointed this year.

Four Hobos Arrested.

Four hobos were arrested in the north-

ern part of town yesterday morning by

Deputy Constable Pickford. One of

them attempted to escape, but the offi-

cer was mounted, and captured him.

Three of the hobos pleaded guilty be-

fore Justice Austin, and the fourth en-

tered a plea of not guilty. Judgment

on those who pleaded guilty will be

passed today.

W. C. Reid is down from Madera,

HEIRS TO A FORTUNE

Preparing to Take Part in the Rabbit Drive.

The grain is needing rain.

Mr. Maulsby of Riverville made a

business trip to Fresno Wednesday.

G. W. Owen, Fred Smith, Ray and

Clayton and B. M. Troutwein

took in the field day at Fowler the 22d.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were Riverville

visitors Sunday.

Notes have been given of a masquerade

on March 13th, at the hill here.

Mrs. T. W. Owen and daughter, Sadie,

are visiting D. W. Smith's family. Mrs.

Smith is still very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were

visitors Sunday.

The people of this vicinity are using

every effort to make the rabbit drive a

success. An east line is to be formed

near Elm avenue and a south line near

Caruthers. It is intended for people to

gather near these lines as soon as pos-

sible on Saturday morning, and when the

word is given to begin riding across the

grain fields, driving the rabbits before

them to the round-up near McMillin.

The rabbits are very numerous in this

vicinity.

The people of Caruthers and Chicage

are preparing for a church entertain-

ment and supper, to be held in the Ca-

thedral school building Friday evening,

March 13th.

SAN IMMENSE ESTATE IN HOLLAND

WEALTH AWAITING THREE FRESNAWS.

CHARLES AND MARY JONES, GUS, FERGUSON AND MARY JONES.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

About Newspapers and "Long Felt Wants."

BY WAY OF AN EXPLANATION

Do Not Inform the Governor— "Guilt-Edge" Business Property—Some Little Things.

From Sunday's Daily.
"A number of enterprising and prominent Republicans have concluded to enter the Fresno newspaper field to fill a long-felt want."So announces the *Examiner* with symptoms of approbation of the idea, and it proceeds to tell just how the efficiency that the proposed paper would supply. For this purpose it quotes out "one gentleman" who says:"The *Review* is a altogether too high-toned, it is too elite, and has become so gaudy-good that it don't care to mingle in the arena where politics are carried on for the success of the party. We want an organ to meet us on a level."

Let us recognize the fact that "one gentleman" is not necessarily one grand man, and let it go at that. There are peculiarities in the statement which place us in grammatical peculiarity in a dense shadow. In the course of a limited newspaper experience, which nevertheless probably exceeds that of "one gentleman," I have heard many things assigned as demonstrating the necessity of proposed papers, but never till now have I heard the decency of an existing paper mind the burden of a public plea for something less decent. The proposition is unique; never before, I judge, has it been advertised that a paper should be born to fill a "long-felt want" of indecency.

And to this comes "one gentleman" (how lovely he must be!) talk of "high-toned," "gaudy-good," "The *Review* has no dirt in it, in its shirt front, and its shirt is conspicuously absent. Evidently that is not the kind of "high-toned" that affects it. It is not the religious paper, and it reports the wicked doings of a wicked world. It is not in this respect that it is "gaudy-good." But it tries to be somewhat decent and honest with its readers and patrons, and it is not, nor will it be, in my opinion, an "organ" of political jokers.

A paper to be "on a level" with shapers and schemers and traps and the want of paper that's minus "high-toned." With a hole of a conscience, a rubber backbone, a paper that's not "gaudy-good," with a hand out for "sugar" and a thimble of words.

A paper to publicize to copen and bleed. The kind we can handle's the kind that we need.

Wanted: A paper that is not elite. Befitting that decency's old and forever. Wanted: An "organ" that's minus "high-toned." To whom we grin and to whom we sneeze.

Wanted: A paper that's not "gaudy-good." With a hand out for "sugar" and a thimble of words.

A paper to publicize to copen and bleed. The kind we can handle's the kind that we need.

Wanted: Somebody who will play the part of the mythological Republican who wanted that kind of a newspaper in Fresno.

My friend, Rev. W. H. Martin, told me the other day that he felt that I did Rev. S. M. Martin an injustice in recent comments on what I termed a "miserable row." I would not do so willingly, and so I asked him whether the initiative lay. He explained, and I volunteered to run the benefit of the experiment here.

It appears, then, that the mistake I made was in relying upon newspaper reports for my authority—so says my friend. He says that Rev. Gillan did not "categorically deny" that he referred to Evangelist Martin in his church publication; that he merely announced that if the word contained in the first two sentences fitted him he might wear it, otherwise he need not. Commenting on the letter to the编辑, Rev. W. H. Martin said that a great many people had believed that Rev. Gillan meant to hit the Christian church, whereupon Rev. S. M. Martin said: "Yes, and always will." This, said my friend to me, is a very different thing from suggesting that Rev. Gillan is a liar, and, further, there was no charge of moral cowardice except it might have been implied.

This is the explanation. I have tried to make it fair and complete. So let it pass. If the reverend gentlemen are convinced that this feeling toward one another is one of Christian forbearance, I am not of that principally that I wrote, perhaps they are the best judges. But it will do no harm for them to remember that the eyes of a gentle world are upon them.

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It is to be hoped that James H. Budd, governor of California, by the grace of the voters, will not happen to read yesterday morning's *Review*. It appears that that popular enthusiasm which is the governor's winning card does not enthuse as much as it formerly did in Fresno. Our woods seem to be full of Democratic statemen out of a job whose hearts are not as wild as the word "Jim" as they were, and the who ast, "Am I, or am I not, a personal friend of the executive are many. Doubtless Jim could gain the governor if he tried it, so it may be hoped that he will remain in blissful ignorance of the fact. But why did he put so little Fresno wheat in his official Gold?

"Guilt edge business property will be sold cheap for cash."—From an advertisement.

The frankness of this little "ad" is something I admire.

I love to read it over and over; just for the property may be.

I wonder, wonder—

Perchance in Holland today;

Bustle in Switzerland.

This "guilt edge business property"

Made some places across the track.

Where business comes off;

In with the world, out with it;

But here or there,

But still I can but hardly praise

Its frankness past compare.

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The verdict of \$3000 damages which

J. E. Doolittle secured against the Sun

Insurance Company possesses a certain

significance to all citizens. It is a sort

of guarantee of the right of personal

freedom. It serves as a variety of educator

which would be sorely needed if such

arrests as that of Mr. Doolittle were

common. It gives notice to every man:

You may not arrest, but you may be

arrested, because of unkindness. It

makes it very clear that a dentist

can do to you what Francisco's

hechores do to him.

In the kind of verdict that should have

followed such an arrest.

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The coming of Thomas Keene to

Fresno, next Monday evening, is an

event which will be overlooked. It

is many years since I have seen Keene,

and I am told that he has improved in

the interim. His improvement was not

so great, but he is still a great actor,

and those who have not seen him

will be disappointed.

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Offering excuses.

At the invitation of Rev. S. M.

Martin a number of persons

excuses which were taken by the

speaker and audience. This gave a

diversified interest to all present.

Three persons came forward to join the

church. The subjects for tomorrow

will be found in the church notices.

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not an advance on those

asked for less notable entertainments, it

was not desired that a large house

will greet Keene.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

OLEANDER LETTER.

A Chronicle of Local Events and

Personal Mention.

From Sunday's Daily.

The entertainment given by the Good Templars on Wednesday evening was very largely attended, the school house being filled to overflowing. The program was both amusing and entertaining and was well carried out.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peebles of Selma

and Mrs. J. P. Fernand of Fresno

Wednesday evening were invited to the Good Templars' entertainment.

Mrs. W. H. Martin of Fresno, who has

been visited by her sister, Mrs. E. B.

Brown, returned home Thursday.

The Good Templars' entertainment

Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.

George Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. J. P.

Harrison entertained a few friends at

their home on Cedar Avenue.

After refreshments were served singing and

conversation were indulged in till late

hours. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C.

George Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.

Balch, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Harris, Mrs. J. P.

Fernand, Misses R. B. Donnan and

Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. W. G. Godly,

A. A. Balch, J. W. James and Eugene

Wilson.

The musical and literary entertain-

ment to be given by the Congregational

church on Tuesday evening, February

28th, promises to be a success. The

inside talent Professor D. W.

Drury and Miss Florence Kelly of

Fresno will assist on the program.

C. C. CASUAL.

BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES.

The Rapid Growth of a Fresno

Institution.

The Fresno Business college has now

come to stay as one of the permanent

institutions of the city and Fresno may

congratulate herself thereon. Starting

under its new management with only

eleven scholars it has grown in an in-

credibly short space of time to where it

has over 300 students on its roll book, thus

showing what business ability and

energy can accomplish.

New students are entering almost

every day. Frank Dodson of Selma

Frank Warneke of this city and Miss

K. G. of Santa Rosa entered Monday

morning. The attendance is somewhat

larger since the Chinese holidays have

ended.

The college now has a literary society,

a dramatic society, a debating society,

and a singing society.

At a recent meeting the following officers

were elected: President, Mr. J. D.

Smith; secretary, H. Gilbert; treasurer,

H. Italy. The society will meet on Friday

night of each week.

If the school continues at its present

rapid rate of increasing, a larger building

will have to be secured to accommodate

the increasing number of students.

The shorthorn department is filled to over-

flowing. Misses C. E. Whitelock and

Mrs. E. C. Whitelock are the new

heads of the department.

FOWLER CELEBRATES

EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF FIELD

DAY SPORTS.

Fully Three Thousand People

Participate—Football Game and

Other Events.

From Sunday's Daily.

Washington's birthday was a gala day

for Fowler. Fully three thousand people

from all parts of the county it seemed

attended the celebration which was

under the auspices of the Fowler

Athletic club. In every sense the celebra-

tion was a success and the club insti-

tuted a holiday for the occasion.

The business houses had been decor-

ated and the day was a

bright and sunny one.

The day's exercises opened with an

address of welcome by J. S. Allen,

program of field sports was then

commenced.

SOMETHING LACKING.

The Birthday of Washington Not

Properly Observed.

Editor KERKUAN:—Washington's

birthday has come and gone without

any noticeable expression of its observ-

ance among us except the closing of busi-

ness places and the closing of schools.

Had it not been Saturday the schools

would have been closed.

If it were Saturday, led by the

school authorities, the students would

have been out in the streets.

There was no real observance of the

day, and the day was a

bright and sunny one.

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TWO OR FOUR YEARS?

Interview With Lawyer N. C. Coldwell.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE LAW

He Thinks That the County Officers Will Hold for the Longer Term.

From Tuesday's Daily.

As the weeks draw near the opening of the coming political campaign, interest in the two or four-year term question increases. Those in the political arena are somewhat at a loss as to what to do. It is already time to begin laying the wires, but the points to which they should be laid are in question.

Lawyers are called upon for their opinions, but these opinions are so conflicting that it seems impossible to tell what the supreme court will decide. A REPUBLICAN reporter yesterday interviewed N. C. Coldwell, whose recognized abilities as a lawyer should give his opinion much weight in regard to the matter. Mr. Coldwell is a staunch Democrat, and naturally would like to see an election this fall in order that his party might have an early chance to retrieve what it lost. He said:

"I have reasons both political and personal for wishing that a general election for county officers may be held this year. I have an ambition to be district attorney of the county, and of course wish for an opportunity to make the race as early a date as possible. But you ask my opinion upon a legal question, and I give it to you."

"I do not think there will be an election for county officers of this county or in any county of the state. The county government act of 1892 contains many unconstitutional features but these all relate to the fees and salaries of the officers. So far as it touches the tenure of office it is a constitutional and valid enactment."

"Section 60 of the act gives the officers a term of four years, save as otherwise provided in the act. Subdivision 26 of section 170 makes an exception for Fresno county and provides that its officers shall hold for two years. This exception is unconstitutional and void because it is in direct conflict with sections 4 and 6 of article 11 of the constitution, which require that the system of county government shall be uniform throughout the state and that the legislature shall by general and uniform law provide for the election of county officers. The general rule as declared in section 60 of the county government act, being valid and the exception made by subdivision 26 of section 170, being invalid, Fresno county comes under the operation of the general rule and its officers will hold four years."

"This identical question was presented to me for consideration in 1894. At that time the general rule for the state at large gave county officers a term of two years, but the exception gave the officers of this county a term of four years. At that time I advised the gentlemen who consulted me that the officers of this county could hold for no more than two years; they acquiesced in this advice and I have no reason to change my opinion."

"The constitution of this state requires a certain procedure for the due enactment of bills into law; they must be printed for the use of members of the legislature; read on three several days in each house; on final passage the bill must be read at length in each house; the year and the month in which it is enacted on the journal. I have heard of a view that some or all of these requirements were ignored in the enactment of the act of 1892. If this be true the whole act is void; whether it be true or not I do not know. The fact could be determined by an assiduous examination of the journals of the house and senate, and it would take a pretty good fee to induce me to undertake the job."

"However, I am firmly persuaded that if the act of 1892 is declared to be invalid, it will not be because of any thing appearing in the act itself but because of matters found in the journals of the assembly."

FIGHTING FOR WATER.

West Side Irrigationists Having Trouble.

I. L. Holman, R. E. Stevens, H. C. Lander, W. A. Lander, T. O. Lander, B. P. Martin, L. L. Stevens and F. O. Hartman were brought over from the West Side on Sunday, by Constable Albion, who had a warrant for their arrest on a charge of breaking a dam. Yesterday they were arraigned before Justice St. John on the charge, which is known as a high misdemeanor, and is a state's prison offense. They furnished \$200 bail each.

The defendants are stockholders of the West Side Consolidated Ditch Company, which operates in the vicinity of Holman.

The arrest is the same old story of fighting between those who reside at the lower end of the ditch and those above. The defendants, who reside at the lower end, were arrested on complaint of John Fazis, who acted for those at the upper end.

It appears that the only water used in the ditch is storm water. Those who are at the upper end, it is said, put a dam in the canal to hold all the water for their own use, restraining it from going down to the defendants. Thereupon, it is claimed, they tore out the dam, notwithstanding the fact that a watchman was at hand to prevent any such molestation.

THE "CALL'S" ENTERPRISE.

What Its Correspondent is Doing in Behalf of Fresno.

The REPUBLICAN has had occasion heretofore to mention the very generous course of the San Francisco Call in its attention to Fresno enterprises.

Its late illustrated article, written by a Fresno correspondent, on the electric light and power plant now nearing completion, has been the means of giving this city much deserved notoriety.

The subject matter of that article has attracted considerable attention from correspondents and editors in various parts of California and other Pacific Coast states.

The REPUBLICAN has been informed that another article is in preparation by the Call's local correspondent, which will be more elaborate than the former one referred to. The forthcoming article will appear in a few days, accompanied by many local illustrations.

John Cawrey Passes Away.

Editor REPUBLICAN.—In Fresno, Friday evening, John Cawrey passed away after a lingering illness, at the ripe age of 84 years. He was a native of England, and a resident of Fresno, for many years. He came to Fresno five years ago, where he resided until his death. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, companion, aged 85, who shared his joys and sorrows for over sixty years.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. (Gallagher), Druggist, Beaverhill, Ill., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery I love my life. I was taken with a grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or houses without it." Get a free trial at Webster Bros' drug store.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

As a comedy for all forms of headache, Dr. King's New Discovery has proved to be the very best. It is a permanent cure and the most dreaded bilious and neuralgic headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle and give them truly a fair trial.

In cases of habitual constipation, Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and for cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only fifty cents at Webster Bros' drug store.

Joy's Vegetable Saraparilla.

The best save in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever pectoral, etc. It is a perfect cure and the most dreaded bilious and neuralgic headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle and give them truly a fair trial.

Dyspepsia.

E. W. Joy Company—Gentlemen: I have taken your Vegetable Saraparilla and can say I have never seen anything equal to it. I have suffered ten years with dyspepsia, not being able to eat anything but milk and brown bread. Life was nothing but misery for me.

Now I have a good appetite, eat anything I wish and feel no disagreeable effects from it. I wish I could tell all dyspeptics and urge them to try your Vegetable Saraparilla.

(Signed) Mr. John Truett, Furbush, Cal.

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A FRIEND.

Rev. J. Webb came in last night's train from Cottonwood and Los Banos, Merced county, where he had been lecturing.

CAMP CHISHOLM.

The Military Celebration in Bakersfield.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Major Colin Chisholm, Captain-Adjutant Othello Scribner and Sergeant-Major E. Magee returned on yesterday morning's train from Bakersfield where they participated in a celebration by the military of Washington's birthday. They left Fresno on Friday evening's train and at Godden were joined by Company E of Visalia.

They were accorded an enthusiastic welcome in Bakersfield, and immediately repaired to the camp which had been established. A skirmish took place in the field opposite. An excellent small battle was fought and so real was the slaughter on both sides the rescues of the wounded, etc., that some of the ladies among the onlookers were moved to tears. It was a commendable display of military tactics.

The visitors are loud in their praise of the dignitaries showered upon them by the people of Bakersfield. They had a splendid time, and from a military standpoint the camp was a great success.

New Suits Filed.

New suits were yesterday filed in the county clerk's office as follows:

James Armstrong vs. Solomon Lehman and others; suit to recover 100,000 feet of lumber, which it is alleged the plaintiff had at the mill on Pine Ridge, and the defendants took possession of it without the plaintiff's consent. In case the lumber cannot be restored, the sum of \$600 is asked as payment therefor and for damages. The plaintiff is represented by Judge M. K. Harris.

August Becker vs. S. B. Holton, to collect \$40.43. The plaintiff is represented by Horace Hayes.

The German Loan and Savings Society vs. E. C. Windisch and others; to foreclose a mortgage on lot 3 to 7 and parts of 1 and 2, block 71, Fresno. The mortgage is in security for \$40,000.

Sarah E. Wiggin vs. Ah Tong and others; to collect \$5000 secured by mortgage on parts of certain lots described by names and blocks in block 50, Fresno. A second suit of the same plaintiff against some defendants asks that a mortgage be foreclosed on lot 24, block 50, given to secure the payment of \$2500. The plaintiff in both suits is represented by Campbell & Merriman.

Eighty-five Additions.

Sunday at Rev. Martin's meeting was a high day, both in the character of the discussion and the number of his personal friends who came forward to be received into the church, and in the evening seven more came forward for the lower room was full, and some hundred or so were in the gallery. At the close of the discourse five young men came forward, making a total of eighty-five additions since the meetings began.

THE NEW ENGLANDERS

ANNUAL REUNION OF THE SOCIETY.

Baked Beans and Codfish Set Before the Guests as Mementos of Home.

The New England Society held its annual reunion last evening at the Grand Central hotel. The program included not only stirring recitals of events in New England history, and pleasant personal reminiscences of life in that cultured and favored quarter of the world, but there was likewise a dinner which would have delighted the sons of Elder-Smiths, or any other epicure of the far northeast. The bill of fare consisted of the standby dishes of "way down east" such as codfish, cranberries, turkey, chicken, salads and other rare, rich and sensible dishes. Hot cream was lavishly applied as a finishing touch.

Past President C. H. Norris and President Alvin F. New made speeches on the occasion. Miss Neilia Lloyd read "Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill Battle." Misses Emily Miller and True Aiken in their original German song and dance were most happily received and bid to respond to a hearty encore. Little Miss Irena Edwards entertained the guests with a piano solo.

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